



Te Kura o Hau Karetu

He waka eke noa: *We're all in this waka together*
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Pānui/Newsletter 25 July/Hūrae 2023

Kia ora, Kia orana, Malo e lele, Faka lola lahi atu,

Nau mai, hoki mai/welcome to Te Kura o Hau Karetu to Mars-Hauti, Mannat, and Millie who have started in Te Mātāhae, Te Whanganui and Te Waipuna. We are so happy to have you at our kura and hope you enjoy your learning journey with us.

Term 3 Focus: Our Marae visit is on Tuesday 15th August. We are bussing down to Orongomai Marae at 9.45 and will be back at school in time for lunch. Students will be involved with creating their own class Tukutuku patterns and make panels for our Hall, so our focus will be checking out the Tukutuku patterns and carvings, and practising the tikanga/protocols required when visiting a marae. We would love to have whanau come to visit with us (no pre-schoolers please). Permission slips are on Skool Loop.



Golden Children: Students from Te Waipuna. Marama made boats and floated them in one of our enormous puddles today. They had so much fun in the water and the mud!

Goal Setting interviews: This term, we are holding goal setting just at school rather than at the Timberlea Community House as well, due to their hall requiring some work. It's important that you all know we are

holding Goal Setting interviews on **Thursday 17th August from 2pm – we will finish school early on this day.**

Booking times are from 2.15-5pm, and 5.30-7.15pm. To book your goal setting interviews go to the Skool Loop app. If you don't have Skool Loop, please download it – it's a great way for us to communicate with you. We would expect all whanau to attend these interviews.



Wellington Saints Basketball Visit: We were really lucky last week to have Marnie Mita and Tyrael-Cage Heke who visited and did some BBall drills with our basketball teams. These two guys with incredible skills. We might have some of our very own Saints players in our midst!

Muddy Clothes: We need everyone to think about popping a change of clothes into their child's bag please. We've noticed tamariki of all ages are coming up to the office with very muddy clothes! Of course, we do make sure we say to children that they are not to play on the grass unless they have gumboots and a change of clothes, but kids will be kids, and often don't think about where they're running in the moment. Gumboots are also a great idea at this time of the year. Thank you.



Head's up:

- Skool Loop App:** We would encourage you to all install the Skool Loop app onto your phones. It is a great way for us to communicate to you. Thank you.
- Gates are closed each day from 9am to 3.10pm.** We would encourage you to drop your child outside the school in the mornings. We will bring your child to the gate in the afternoons. **Please don't park on the yellow lines or park on footpaths** – thank you..
- At the end of the day,** we have a walking bus that leaves from the back gate. We will bring tamariki to the intersection of Moeraki, Hillside and Norana Roads and cross them over. From there, they are on their own!
- School Policies and Procedures:** Policies for review this term are: Inclusive Education, Māori Education, Learning Support, Learning Support Coordination, Identifying Learning Support, and Gifted Learners. These are all important policies. We'd encourage you to go online to have your say: Go to: schooldocs.co.nz – input our school name, userid: māoribank and password: waka
- School Website:** We have changed our school website. The address is: <http://tekuraohaukaretu.weebly.com.html>
- Covid & other bugs:** The plan is that no one gets sick this term!!! Please encourage children to cough and sneeze into their elbows, wash hands thoroughly, and keep hands away from their face. I'll keep you in the loop if there are any bugs to be aware of. Thank you.
- Kutu/nits:** Some tamariki are experiencing that itchy scratchy feel in their heads at the moment. If you notice nits in your child's hair, please treat it immediately, and continue to check every 3 days afterwards. We recommend conditioner as a way to easily comb the lice out in between times. Go to: <https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/wet-combing-conditioner-treating-head-lice> to find out more on how to do this effectively.

Nga mihi nui, Karen Wellington, Kaihautu/Timekeeper on the Waka

Significant items for the Term 3 calendar:

Week 4 7-11 Aug	Tuesday – Basketball Waiter Nash Thursday 10 th August – Whanau Hui – Te Mātāhae
Week 5 14-18 Aug	Marae Visit Tuesday 15 th Aug Thursday – Goal setting from 2pm here at School Please book your times on Skool Loop – thank you.
Week 7 28-Aug-1Sept	Thursday 31 st August – Parent Support Group - Neurodiverse students – 9am in staffroom
Week 8 4-8 Sept	Wig Wednesday – Raising money for child cancer
Week 10 18-22 Sept	Last day of term Friday 22 Sept. Return to school for term 4 on Monday 9 th October.

My whanau and I have read the newsletter for 25th July/Hūrae 2023. Please tear off and put into the draw for a prize at assembly on Friday.

Signed (name): _____